

# THE COMMISSION

FOR TAKING  
SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO THE

## National Land-Bank.

**W** I L L I A M the Third, by the Grace of God King <sup>Commissioners</sup>  
of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of <sup>Names.</sup>  
the Faith, &c. To Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved  
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And it is thereby further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for Us by Commission under Our Great Seal of *England*, to Authorize and Appoint any Number of Persons to take and receive such voluntary Subscriptions as shall be made on or before the First Day of *August*, One thousand six hundred ninety six, by any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate (other than the Governor and Company of the *Bank of England*) for and towards the Raising and Paying into the Receipt of *Exchequer* the Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds: And that the yearly Sum of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds arising by and out of the said Duties and Impositions before mentioned, shall be applied, issued and directed, and is thereby appropriated to the Use and Advantage of such Person or Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, as shall make such voluntary Subscriptions and Payments their Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assignes for ever, proportionable to the Subscription of each Person or Body Politick so subscribing the same.

And it is thereby further Enacted, That the Commissioners of Our Treasury, and the Under-Treasurer of Our *Exchequer* now being, and the Lord High Treasurer and Under Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, are thereby strictly enjoined and required by virtue of the said Act, and without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had or obtained from Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to direct their Warrants yearly for the payment of the said yearly Sum of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds to the Contributors of the said Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, in manner and proportion in and by the said Act directed and appointed. And the Auditor of the Receipt of *Exchequer*, and all other Officers of the *Exchequer* for the time being, are thereby directed and enjoined to issue the said Moneys so set apart for the Uses thereby directed

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from time to time without any Fee or Reward, under such Penalties as are by the said Act to be inflicted. And it was thereby declared, That it should be lawful for Us to Incorporate all and every the Subscribers and Contributors, their Executors, Successors and Assigns to be one Body Corporate and Politick, by the Name of the Governor and Company of the *National Land-Bank*, to have perpetual Succession, and to have such Capacities, Priviledges and Powers, and to be under such Rules as are therein mentioned. And in case the whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall not be advanced and paid into the said Receipt of *Exchequer* before the first Day of *January*, which shall be in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred ninety six, that then the Subscribers and Contributors for and towards raising the said Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, their Executors, Successors and Assigns, shall only have and receive so much and such part and proportion of the said yearly Fund as shall be after the Rate of Seven Pounds *per Cent. per annum*, for such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be so respectively paid and advanced: And that from and after the Granting the said Letters Patents of Incorporation, the said yearly Sum of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be proportionable to the several Sums of Money before that time advanced, or to be then afterwards advanced, before the said First Day of *January* One thousand six hundred ninety six as aforesaid, shall be paid and payable unto the said Governor and Company and their Successors for ever *in Trust*, in the First Place, for paying and satisfying all Bills and other Charges which they shall from time to time charge thereupon under their Common Seal; and from and after Payment of such Bills and Charges then in Trust for the several and respective Members of the said Incorporation, according to the proportion of their several Stocks therein. And that the Interests and Stock of the particular Members of the said Incorporation shall go to Executors and Administrators, and not to Heirs, and shall be Transferrable and Devisable in such manner as We shall direct in and by the said Letters Patents, and not otherwise.

*And in the said Act is contained a Proviso*, That in case the Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, or a Moiety thereof should not be Subscribed on or before the First Day of *August*, One thousand six hundred ninety six, that then the Powers and Authorities in the said Act for Erecting a Corporation as aforesaid, shall cease and determine: And in such case so much of the said yearly Sum of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds as shall belong to the said Subscribers, according to the meaning of the said Act, shall be transferrable by the respective Subscribers their respective Executors, Successors or Assigns, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, by any Writing or Writings under the Hand and Seal of the Person or Persons transferring the same, attested by two or more credible Witnesses, and entred within Twenty Days after the Sealing thereof, in a Book or Books to be for that purpose kept in the said *Exchequer* by the Remembrancer for the time being; (for the Entry whereof nothing shall be paid;) which Entry the said Remembrancer is hereby required upon Request to make.

*Words of Commission.*

And that every such Subscriber shall at the time of such Subscription, pay or cause to be paid unto the said Commissioners one Fourth Part of his or her Subscription, and in Default thereof such Subscriptions shall be void, and that the Residue of the said Subscription Moneys shall be paid into the Receipt of our *Exchequer*, as we shall direct, before the First Day of *January*, One thousand six hundred ninety six; and in Default of such Payments, that then the Fourth Part first paid as aforesaid, shall be forfeited to, and for the Benefit of Us, Our Heirs and Successors.

*Now know ye*, That we being resolved and determined, in case the said Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, or one Moiety thereof, shall be Subscribed on or before the First Day of *August*, One thousand six hundred ninety six, to Grant and pass our Royal Charter or Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, for Erecting and Establishing a Corporation or Body Politick, to be called by the Name aforesaid, and to have a perpetual Succession with such Powers and Priviledges as are prescribed by the said Act, and such others as shall be Lawful and Reasonable for Us to give and grant



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grant, as well for the publick Good as for Our own Service, subject nevertheless to the Proviso's, Restrictions and Rules in the said Act of Parliament contained, and reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Abilities, Faithfulness and Prudent Circumspections in and for the performance of so much of this Affair as shall be committed to your Care and Charge, have Nominated, Constituted Authorized, and Appointed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors do Nominate, Constitute, Authorize, and do Appoint you the said *Thomas Lord Fermyn, Thomas Lord Coningsby, Lord James Russell, Goodwin Wharton, Henry Pagett, Robert Cecil, Sydney Worsley alias Mountagu, Charles Mountagu, Sir William Langham, Sir Walter Young, Sir Henry Ashurst, Sir Richard Atkins, Sir Richard Blackham, Sir Thomas Pope Blount, Sir Josiah Child, Sir Robert Cotton, Sir Heale Hooke, Sir Henry Hobart, Sir John Mordant, Sir Walter St. Johns, Sir Basil Dixwell, Sir Peter Paravacine, Sir Humphery Edwin, Sir Rowland Aynsworth, Sir Owen Buckingham, Sir John Banks, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Thomas Cooke, Sir Samuel Dashwood, Sir Thomas Davall, Sir John Eyles, Sir William Forester, Sir John Fleet, Sir Edward Farmer, Sir Joseph Herne, Sir Christopher Hales, Sir Robert Jefferies, Sir Thomas Lane, Sir John Moore, Sir Tho. Mompeyson, Sir William Pritchard, Sir Gabriel Roberts, Sir Leonard Robinson, Sir Thomas Stamp, Sir Jeremy Sambrooke, Sir Joseph Tyley, Sir Peter Vandeputt, Sir Thomas Meares, Sir Edward Wills, Sir Thomas Rawlinson, Sir Edmond Wiseman, Sir Francis Child, Sir Charles Hedges, Sir Peter Daniel, Sir Benjamin Newland, Sir Henry Johnson, Sir Godfrey Copley, Robert Austin Senior, Robert Austin Junior, John Archer, John Arnold, Mordecki Abbot, William Aspin, John Asgil, Thomas Andrews, Gabriel Armiger, Jonathan Andrews, John Aviole, Isaac Aviole, John Billers, James Ball, Robert Byerly, David d'Burry, James Boddington, John Brown, Arthur Bailey, Theophilus Boughey, John Scroop, John Borrett, George Bohan, Robert Brown, Robert Breeden, Nicholas Burbon, James des Boverie, John Bellamy, John Briscoe, John Browning, Peter Barrel, Tho. Boone, Francis Boynton, William Baber, Ralph Bucknal, George Boddington, John Blacklar, Francis Bazelin, David de la Bretonniere, Nicholas Carey, Arthur Chamney, William Coward, Richard Carey, Annsham Churchill, Stephen Cooke, Francis Chapman, Thomas Colby Senior, Thomas Compere, Anthony Gracherode, John Churthill, John Dutton Colt, William Childe, Thomas Colson, John Conyers, Thomas Coleby Junior, Sir Pary Cust, James Dewy, John Delow, Francis Dashwood, Charles Dubois, Peter Delanne Paul d'Aranda, Richard Dove, Abraham Dolins, Paul Darby, George Doddington, Alvarez Mendez d'Costa, William Coskram, John Cook, John Deagle, Paul Dominique, Richard Dalton, Anthony Mendez d'Costa, John Mendez d'Costa, Jacob de Lilliers, Adam de Cardonnel, Dennis Dury, John Dubois, Robert Dortel, Paul Dausoure, Peter Deline, Francis Eyles, Barrington Eyton, John Evans, William East, Henry Eyre, William Etrick, Martin Folkes, William Faulkner, Andrew Franklyn, Samuel Foot Junior, Christopher Fowler, Thomas Foley Senior, Philip Foley, Thomas Foley Junior, William Fenwick, George Furnace, Peter Fanshaw, Samuel Fuller, Edward Fenwick, Israel Feilding, Mark Huggetan, Serjeant Tho. Goodin, Tho. Glover, Thomas Guy, Thomas Gunstone, James Green, Gabriel Glover, Bartholo Gracedieu, Francis Goffright, Alwin Garraway, Thomas Gratwick, Dr. William Gibbons, Benjamin Giles, George Gresham, Thomas Hodges, Thomas Hall, Peter Henriques Senior, Edmond Harrison, Nathaniel Herne, Robert Heysham, Joseph Hoskinstiles, Beddingfield Higham, John Hanger, Edward Haistwell, Thomas Hancock, Dr. Edward Hulse, Lyonel Herne, Frederick Herne, Thomas Harley, William Hewer, Charles Hooper, Urban Hall, Nathaniel Horneby, George Hawes, Richard Harnage, Edward Harley, James Hooper, Charles Herle, Hercules Horsely, Ralph Hough, Luke Hodges, Ebenezer Hall, John Hall, Daniel Haies, Robert Henly, John Harvey, James Hallet, Michael Hubart, Jeffery Jefferies, John Jefferies, George Juce, Henry Ireton, John Jackson, Peter Henriques Junior, Charles Hargrave, Henry Kiffin, Maurice Kendal, Samuel Keckwith, William Lowndes, Robert Leydal, John Love, James Lever, John Lethullier, Robert Lancashire, Edward Lloyd, Joseph Lane, Dr. Fisher Littleton, Thomas Lucas, Nehemiah Lyde, Peter Henriques Leferrer, Solomon d'Medina, John Morris, Nicholas Mors Junior, Samuel Moyer, Samuel Mitchel, Ralph Marshal, John Martyn, William Mead, Thomas Mulso, Arthur Moore, William Milman, Richard Mead, James Misson, Charles Middleton, Anthony Meeke, Nicholas Martin, Charles Mason, William Nicholas, Thomas Nisbet, Francis Negus, Hugh North, Michael Noble, Richard Noys, Thomas Owen, Walter Overbury, Samuel Onely Senior, Samuel Powel, Joseph Paice, John Paschall, John Pearson, Colonel John Perry, Richard Petty, John Powell, George Paske, John Packer.*



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To Provide the  
Office in Ten  
Days.

And for the better pursuing of the End and Intent of the said Act of Parliament, and of our Royal Purpose and Intention in these Presents, we do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, order, direct and appoint that you or so many of you as aforesaid, shall within Ten Days after the Date or making of these Presents, provide, appoint, and keep one or more Convenient House or Houses within the Cities of London and Westminster, or one of them, or within the Suburbs of the same, to be the Publick Office or Offices to which all or any Person or Persons shall or may resort for the making of the said Subscriptions, and to pay the Fourth Part of the Moneys which they respectively are to pay thereupon; and shall give such publick Notice thereof as you shall think most conducive to this Service.

Books in Ten  
Days.

And that you, or any Five or more of you, shall within Ten Days after the Date or making hereof, provide or cause to be provided one or more Book or Books of Vellum or Parchment for the said Subscriptions to be made therein.

Books to lie  
Open.

Which Book or Books shall lie open every Day (Sundays excepted) at the said Publick Office or Offices, from the Hours of Eight to the Hours of Twelve in the Forenoons, and from the Hours of Three to the Hours of Eight in the Afternoons, until and upon the said First Day of August One thousand six hundred ninety six, unless the Subscriptions for the said whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall be sooner Completed.

Title of the  
Book.

And that in the Title or Front of every or any such Book or Books, there shall be fairly written proper Words, importing that the same doth or do contain the Subscriptions authorized to be made in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, and of these Presents, of the respective Sums which the several Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, whose Names shall be written therein, do or shall set or cause to be set against their Names respectively.

Fourth Part  
paid down.

One full Fourth Part of which said Sum or Sums of Money, and every of them so to be Subscribed is to be paid at the time of making each Subscription by the respective Subscribers, to the Hands of you our Commissioners, and the residue thereof in such manner as is herein after directed.

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And you are severally to take care, that the Sums so Subscribed be written as will in Words at length as in Figures, with a Columbe for expressing the Day on which every such Subscription shall be made; and that the Subscriptions so to be made from time to time, be attested under the Hands and Seals of two or more of you, our Commissioners who were present at the making of those Subscriptions.

*Sums in Words at length and Figures.*

*Subscriptions, Attested under the Hands and Seals of two or more Commissioners.*

And that no such Subscriptions shall be made or taken after the said First Day of August now next ensuing.

And that you, or any Five or more of you, do without delay after the said First Day of August next ensuing, or after the said Subscriptions for the whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall be Completed (which shall first happen) make or cause to be made true Duplicates, or Copies fairly written in Parchment, of the said whole Book or Books of Subscriptions, and deliver the said Duplicate or Duplicates of the said Book or Books, attested by Five or more of you as aforesaid, into the said Office of Auditor of the Receipt of Our Exchequer, that so it may appear whether the whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds be Subscribed within the said limited Time, or not, or how much thereof, and by whom the same or any part thereof shall be so Subscribed, and that thereby the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or Our Treasurer, and Under Treasurer, and other Officers of the Exchequer for the time being may know how the yearly Fund appropriated by the said Act, or any proportion or part thereof, is to be Issued or Applied, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the same Act of Parliament: And we do hereby Authorize, Require and Command the said Auditor of the Receipt of Our Exchequer to Enroll, and the Clerk of the Pells in the Receipt of Exchequer to Record the said Duplicate or Duplicates in the Registers or Records of their respective Offices, for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid.

*Duplicates Attested by Five Commissioners, to be delivered to the Auditor of the Exchequer.*

And also, we do by these presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Direct, Authorize and Appoint, that you our said Commissioners, or any five or more of you, shall and may receive and take from every such Subscriber or Subscribers as aforesaid, respectively, at the time of his, her, or their Subscription, the full fourth part of every Sum so Subscribed, which by the Tenor and true meaning of the said Act, is then to be paid in Ready Money.

*Any five to receive the first fourth part.*

And that you Our said Commissioners, or any five or more of you, shall and may Appoint such Person or Persons as you shall think fit to Intrust, and shall be also Approved by the Commissioners of Our Treasury or any three of them now being, or by the Treasurer of Our Exchequer, or any three or more of the Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being, to be the Cashier or Cashiers for the Custody or Keeping of all or any the Sum or Sums of Money arising by or for the first fourth part of the Moneys to be Subscribed as aforesaid, taking from such Person or Persons respectively, such Security or Securities as to you shall seem good and sufficient, and shall also be Approved by the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or the Treasurer of Our Exchequer as aforesaid, by Bond or Bonds in the Name of us, Our Heirs or Successors, for the due Answering, Paying and Accounting for the Money which they shall respectively receive, according to such Rules or Directions as are hereafter in these Presents contained, for or concerning the Payment or Application of the same.

*To Appoint a Cashier.*

AND We do by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Direct, Authorize and Command, that you Our said Commissioners, or your Cashier or Cashiers who shall Receive or have in their Custody all or any the Moneys arising by the said Subscriptions for the first fourth part as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons, Chargeable therewith; shall safely keep the same and every part thereof (as it shall be received) to Our use until the said Moneys shall be payable into the Receipt of Our Exchequer, according to Our Directions herein after contained (that is to say,)

*To keep the Money till payable into the Exchequer.*

OUR Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Direct, Authorize and Command, that you Our said Commissioners, or the said Cashier or Cashiers or others that shall have the Custody of the money of the said first fourth part, or any part thereof, or be chargeable therewith, shall and do, in case the whole Sum of Two Millions Five Hundred Sixty four Thousand Pounds, or the Moyety, or any greater part thereof, shall be Subscribed on or before the first Day of August now next ensuing as aforesaid, as soon as our Charter of Incorporation shall be made and passed under

*How the first fourth part shall be paid into the Exchequer.*



under Our Great Seal of *England*, pay or cause to be paid all the Moneys which shall then have been received of or for the said first fourth part into the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, in the Name of the Governour and Company of the *National Land Bank*, and upon such Payment or Payments to be made in the Name of such Governour and Company of the *National Land-Bank* of the Moneys of the said first fourth part, the Commissioners of Our Treasury, Treasurer and under Treasurer of Our *Exchequer*, and all other Officers to whom it doth or shall appertain in the Receipt of the *Exchequer* for the time being, are hereby Required and Authorized to Levy or Strike Talleys for the same, Importing so much Money Received from such Governour and Company by the hands of you Our said Commissioners, for or towards the Sum not exceeding Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, to be raised upon the said Act, and to Draw and Sign *Exchequer* Orders fairly written in Parchment for paying to the said Governour and Company of the *National Land-Bank* and their Successors for ever, (Subject nevertheless to the Condition of Redemption in the said Act contained, a proportionable part of the said yearly Sum of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds *per Annum*, for every or any Sum of the said first fourth part which shall be so paid into the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, according to the Tenor and true meaning of the said Act of Parliament.

AND Our Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby Direct, Authorize and Command, that you Our said Commissioners, or the said Cashier or Cashiers, or others, who shall have the Custody of the said Moneys so to be received for the first fourth part of the said Subscriptions, or any part thereof, shall and do (in case so much as a Moiety of the said Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall not be Subscribed on or before the said first day of *August* next) pay or cause to be paid, all the Moneys which you shall have received for the said first fourth part upon the said Subscriptions into the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, in the Names of the respective Subscribers or Contributors thereof, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assignes; and upon every or any such Payment or Payments to be made; (as is last mentioned) the said Commissioners of Our Treasury, Treasurer, and under Treasurer of Our *Exchequer*, and all other Officers to whom it doth or shall appertain in the Receipt of Our *Exchequer* for the time being, are hereby Authorized and Required to Levy and Strike Talleys for the same, Importing so much Money Received from the respective Subscribers and Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assignes, by the hands of you Our said Commissioners upon the said Act, and to Draw and Sign *Exchequer* Orders fairly written in Parchment, for paying to the said respective Subscribers and Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assignes for ever, (subject nevertheless to the condition of Redemption in the said Act contained) proportionable parts of the said yearly Fund of One hundred seventy nine thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds, according to the true meaning of the said Act, for every or any Sum which shall be so paid into the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, and these presents of the Entry or Enrollment thereof, shall be to the said Commissioners of the Treasury, Treasurer, under Treasurer, and all other Officers and Persons who are, or may be concerned, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge in that behalf.

How the residue  
shall be paid.

And as to the remaining three fourth parts of all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be Subscribed and Contained in the said Books of Subscription as aforesaid; Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Declare, Limit and Appoint, that every entire Sum Subscribed, or to be Subscribed as aforesaid, being divided into four equal parts (whereof the first fourth part is to be paid and brought into the Receipt of our *Exchequer*, by and according to Our Directions aforesaid.)

Second Pay-  
ment.

A Second fourth part thereof shall be paid and brought into the Receipt of *Exchequer*, on or before the first day of *October* now next ensuing.

Residue of the  
Payment.

And the remaining two fourth parts (which will compleat the whole Subscriptions) shall be paid or brought into the Receipt of *Exchequer*, before the first day of *January* now next ensuing.

How the Resi-  
due shall be paid  
in case of Incor-  
poration.

And in case the whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds or the Moiety, or any greater part thereof, shall be Subscribed on or before the first day of *August* next as aforesaid, then all the Moneys which shall be Subscribed as aforesaid, (the first fourth part only excepted) shall and may be brought



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brought and paid into the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, at such times and by such Ways, Methods or Means, as the Governour, (or in his absence) the Deputy-Governour, together with Sixteen or more of the Trustees, to be constituted by the said Charter of Incorporation, shall from time to time Direct, Limit or Appoint.

So as a full Second Fourth part of all and every the Sum and Sums of Money to be Subscribed as aforesaid, be entirely paid and brought into the said Receipt of *Exchequer*, on or before the said first day of *October* now next ensuing.

And so as that the remaining two fourth parts to compleat the whole Account of the said Subscriptions be paid, or brought into the said Receipt of *Exchequer*, before the said first day of *January* now next ensuing as aforesaid.

And in case so much as a Moiety of the said Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, or any greater Sum, shall not be Subscribed on or before the first day of *August* now next ensuing, then all the Moneys which shall be Subscribed as aforesaid (the said first fourth part only excepted) shall be paid and brought into the said Receipt of *Exchequer* by the respective Subscribers of the same, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assignes, at or before the respective days or times, and in such proportions as are herein before limited and appointed for the payment of the last three fourth parts, in case five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, or a Moiety, or any greater part thereof, shall be Subscribed as aforesaid, and according to the Tenor and true meaning of the said Act.

And upon every or any such Payment or Payments so to be made, of all or any the Moneys arising by or upon the said Subscriptions, (the First Fourth Part only excepted, touching which Our Pleasure is herein before declared,) Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, Direct, Authorize and Command, That the said Commissioners of Our Treasury, Treasurer, and Under-Treasurer, and all other Officers in Our *Exchequer* for the Time being, to whom it doth or shall appertain, shall from Time to Time Levy and Strike Talleys for the Moneys which shall be so Paid by the Governor and Company of the *National Land-Bank*, importing the Receipt thereof from them; and Tallies for the Moneys which shall or may (in the Case before-mentioned) be so Paid by the respective Subscribers or Contributors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, importing the Receipt thereof of and from them respectively; And shall from Time to Time, upon the said Tallies, Draw and Sign such *Exchequer-Orders* as are above-mentioned, for the Proportionable Parts of the said Yearly Fund, which (in the respective Cases aforesaid) are to be Paid and Issued, either to the Governor and Company of the *National Land-Bank*, and their Successors, for ever; or to the respective Subscribers and Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, for ever, according to the Tenour and true Meaning of the said Act of Parliament, and subject to the Conditions of Redemption therein contained.

And We do also Direct and Appoint, that you Our said Commissioners, or any Five, or more of you, who shall Receive any of the above-mentioned Payments of the said First Fourth Part, in pursuance of these Presents, shall immediately give to the Person or Persons paying the same, a Receipt in Writing for the several Sum and Sums of Money so received.

And shall cause an Entry thereof to be made in a Book or Books for that purpose to be kept in your said Office or Offices, wherein shall be Entred and Registred the Day on which every such Payment shall be made; the Names of you Our said Commissioners, to whom each Sum shall have been paid; the Name, and Place of Abode, of the said Person or Persons making the Payment, with his, her or their proper Additions; and the Sum that shall be actually paid.

And that you Our said Commissioners, or any Five, or more of you, do without Delay, after the said First Day of *August* next ensuing, make, or cause to be made, a true Account, fairly written in Parchment, of all the said Receipts of the Money of the said First Fourth Part; expressing therein such Particulars as are herein before directed to be Inserted in the said Receipts; and deliver the said Account, Attested by any Five, or more

*How the Residue shall be paid in case there be no Incorporation.*

*Talleys struck for the Payments.*

*Any Five Commissioners to give Receipts.*

*Entries of Payment.*

*Transmit an Account of the Payments to the Auditor.*

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of you, as aforesaid, into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of *Exchequer*.

*Account to be  
Inrolled and Re-  
corded.*

And We do hereby Authorize, Require and Command the said Auditor of the Receipt to Inrol, and the said Clerk of the Pells to Record the said Account, in the Registers or Records of their respective Offices; as well for the Charging of you, Our Commissioners, who shall Receive the said Moneys, or your Cashiers, with the Money so Received, as for the better Guidance of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, Treasurer, Under-Treasurer, and other the Officers of the *Exchequer*, for the Time being, in the Issuing and Payment of the said appropriated Fund, or any Part or Proportion of the same, pursuant to the said Act of Parliament.

*To give Atten-  
dance.*

And Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Require and Command, That you Our said Commissioners, and every of you respectively, do from Time to Time Assemble and Meet together, and give your Attendance at the Publick Office or Offices before-mentioned.

*Subdivide.*

And if the First, or any other General Meeting of you Our Commissioners, which shall be had, or appointed to be had, for the putting of this Commission in Execution, you, or the Major Part of you then present, shall judge it most convenient to have or keep several publick Offices for the Purpose aforesaid; In that Case you are hereby Directed and Authorized to Subdivide your selves for the said several Offices; taking Care that a sufficient Number of you Our Commissioners shall be, and do Attend in each Office; And that your selves, and the Cashier or Cashiers to be Employed under you, do from Time to Time carefully and diligently Attend the Execution and Performance of this Our Service, in all Things, as becometh.

*Commissioners of  
the Treasury to  
be Aiding.*

And the said Commissioners of Our Treasury now being, and the Treasurer and Under-Treasurer of the *Exchequer*, or Commissioners of Our Treasury for the Time being, are hereby required to be Aiding and Assisting to you in the Performance of this Our Service.

*Commissioners  
of the Treasury  
to issue Moneys  
for the Charges.*

And are hereby also Impowered and Commanded, out of any Our Treasury, from Time to Time, being and remaining in the Receipt of Our *Exchequer*, (not appropriated to particular Uses by Act of Parliament,) to Issue and Pay to such Person or Persons as you shall nominate, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be necessary to be Expended or Laid out as Incident Charges in the Execution of this Our Commission.

*Notice of the  
first Election.*

And to the End the said Corporation, or Body Politick (in Case the said Sum of Two Millions Five Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Pounds, or the Moyety, or any greater Part thereof shall be Subscribed on or before the said First Day of *August* next ensuing) may be Erected and Setled to the best Content and Satisfaction of the Subscribers or Contributors aforesaid, We do by these Presents give full Power and Authority to you Our said Commissioners: And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Require, Command, Consent, and Agree, That you Our said Commissioners, or any Five or more of you, shall and may immediately after the said First Day of *August* next, or so soon as the said Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall be Subscribed as aforesaid (which of them shall first happen) cause Publick Notice to be given by Writing under your Hands, to be openly set up and affixed upon the *Royal-Exchange* in *London*, and at your own Publick Office or Offices, to and for all and every the Person and Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who before the making of the Elections herein after mentioned, shall severally or respectively have Subscribed in the said Book or Books as aforesaid, any Sum or Sums of Money not less than Five hundred Pounds, and shall have severally paid one Fourth Part of the Sum or Sums so by them Subscribed, and shall have taken the Oaths, or made the Declaration herein after mentioned, their Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns, to Assemble and Meet together at some convenient Place within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, and at a Day to be Prescribed or Appointed in the said Writing; (Which Day is not to be sooner than Four Days, or later than Eight Days after the said Notice shall be Set up or Affixed upon the Royal Exchange, and your said Office or Offices as aforesaid:) Then and there to Elect and Chuse Persons (qualified as is herein after mentioned) to be the First Governor, First Deputy-Governor, and First Trustees of the Corporation, or Body-Politick, to be Erected and Established in pursuance of the said Act.

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Electors.*

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*Provided that  
no one to Elect.*



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And that it shall and may be lawful, to and for all and every such Subscribers qualified as aforesaid; their Executors Administrators, Successors and Assignes, then and there to assemble and meet together; and too and for them, or the Major part of them so assembled, to Nominate, Elect and Choose (by way of Ballot) out of the whole number of Subscribers, (whereof none to have more then one <sup>None above one Vote.</sup> Vote) one Person who shall have Subscribed in his own Right, the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds at least, and shall have paid one fourth at the least of the Sum so by him Subscribed, to be made the first Governour of the said Corporation, to be erected as aforesaid; and one other Person who shall have Subscribed in his own Right the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds at least, and shall have paid one fourth part at least, of the Sum so by him Subscribed, to be made the first Deputy-Governor of the said Corporation; and thirty other Persons, <sup>Stock of Governor.</sup> each of which shall severally have Subscribed in their own Rights, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds at the least, and who shall severally and respectively <sup>Stock of Deputy Governor.</sup> have paid one fourth part, or more, of every such Sum so by them respectively <sup>Thirty Trustees.</sup> Subscribed, to be the first Trustees of the said Corporation, or Body Politick; which Election shall severally be determined by the Majority of Votes of the Subscribers then present, by way of Ballot as aforesaid.

And in case they shall be Equal, then by you Our Commissioners, or the <sup>In case of Equality.</sup> Major part of you then present.

And the Persons so to be Elected or Chosen, shall be incerted in Our Royal Charter of Incorporation, to be granted as aforesaid, and shall thereby be made and constituted the first Governour, Deputy-Governour, and Trustees of the Company, <sup>Persons Elected to be inserted in the Charter.</sup> thereby to be Erected and Established, and to be and continue in those several Offices of Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Trustees, from the date or making of Our said Charter, until the Tenth Day of April, which shall be in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, and till others shall be duly chosen in their Rooms and sworn, Subject nevertheless to the Rules, Restrictions, Provisoes and Directions contained in the said Act of Parliament; and to such other Rules and Appointments as shall be inserted touching them in the said Charter. The Draught whereof is contained in a Schedule hereunto annexed. <sup>First Trustees to continue till tenth of April, 1698.</sup>

Provided always, and Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, And we do hereby Appoint, that no Subscriber shall be capable to Vote, as aforesaid, in the Election of the said Persons, to be made the first Governor, Deputy-Governor, or Trustees, or any of them, until he shall have taken an Oath, in the form and to the effect following, (to wit) *I A. B. Do swear that the Sum of Five hundred Pounds by me Subscribed, or the Sum of Five hundred Pounds at least, of the Moneys by me Subscribed, is my own proper Money, for my own Use, and in my own Right, and not in Trust for any Person whatsoever.* <sup>Oath of Electors.</sup>

Provided nevertheless, that any Person or Persons commonly called or known to be Quakers, who shall have Subscribed Five hundred Pounds, or more, as aforesaid, and shall have made and Signed the Declaration following (that is to say,) *I A. B. Do Sincerely and Solemnly Declare, in the Presence of God, that the Sum of Five hundred Pounds by me Subscribed, or the Sum of Five hundred Pounds at least, of the Moneys by me Subscribed, is my own Proper Money, for my own Use; and in my own Right, and not in Trust for any Person whatsoever,* shall be capable of Voting, and the Elections or choice of the said Persons, to be made the First Governor, Deputy Governor, and Trustees, as aforesaid. <sup>Proviso for Quakers.</sup>

Provided also, and Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, and we do hereby Appoint, that no Subscriber or Subscribers shall be capable to be Chosen as aforesaid, to be made the First Governor, Deputy-Governor, or Trustees, as aforesaid, unless he or they be Natural born Subjects of England, or Naturalized, and shall severally and respectively have taken an Oath, that the Sums, which in their respective cases are requisite to have been Subscribed by them as aforesaid, (that is to say) Four Thousand Pounds by the Person to be made Governor, Three Thousand Pounds by the Person to be made Deputy-Governor, and Two Thousand Pounds by every one of them that shall be the Trustees (are their own proper Moneys respectively, and Subscribed for their own Use, and in their own Right, and not in Trust for any other Person or Persons as aforesaid,) nor shall be capable of Executing his or their Office or Offices, until he or they shall respectively have taken the Oaths in the said Recited Act prescribed for that purpose, and the Oath herein before directed. <sup>Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Trustees, to be Natural Born or Naturalized; and to take Oaths.</sup> And



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sioners to admini-  
ster Oaths to  
First Governor,  
Deputy-Gover-  
nor and Trustees

And We do hereby Direct, Require, Authorize and Impower you our said Commissioners, or any Two or more of you, to Administer the said several Oaths and Declaration to the said Persons who are to chuse or be the First Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Trustees respectively; as aforesaid; any thing in these Presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And to the End all and every Person and Persons who shall Subscribe and Contribute their Moneys, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament (which manifestly Designs and Intends the Publick Good and Convenience of the People of this Kingdom, and the Profit and Advantage of the Persons who shall be Concerned in the said Company, as well as the Accommodation of Our Affairs, in respect of the Moneys which are intended by this Means to be Supplied, for the Carrying on the War against France; and the Just Satisfaction of Persons who had Securities upon the Duties of Tunnage, Coals, and other Things by the said Recited Act, Taken away, or Altered) may be fully Assured and Satisfied, That the Powers Vested in us by the said Act of Parliament for Erecting and Establishing the said Corporation, or Body Politick, shall be justly and truly Executed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.

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nant to Incorpor-  
ate.

We are Graciously pleased to Promise and Declare, and we do by these Presents solemnly Promise, Publish, Declare and make Known, and We do also for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Covenant, Grant and Agree to and with you Our said Commissioners, and every of you, for and on the Behalf of your selves, and every or any one of you, and of every or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall Subscribe and Pay any Sum or Sums of Money as aforesaid, that in case the whole Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, or a Moiety, or any greater part thereof, shall be Subscribed upon the Security of the said Act, or in pursuance of these Presents, on or before the said First Day of August now next ensuing, that then immediately after the said First Day of August, or so soon as the said Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds shall be Subscribed as aforesaid, which of them shall first happen, We, Our Heirs or Successors, shall and will Grant and make forth Our Royal Charter or Letters Patents under the Great Seal of

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corporated, ac-  
cording to the  
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England, and thereby Incorporate all and every such Subscribers and Contributors who shall then be living, and who shall not have Assigned their Interest in their said Subscriptions: And in Case any of them shall be dead, the Executors or Administrators of such Subscribers: And in Case any of the Subscribers shall have Assigned their Interest in their said Subscriptions, in all such Cases the Assignees of such Subscribers to be one Body Corporate and Politick, by the Name of the Governor and Company of the National Land-Bank, with such Powers, Capacities, Privileges, Benefits, Liberties, and Advantages, and under and subject to such Rules, Restrictions, Power of Redemption, Provisoos, Limitations and Clauses as are contained in the said Act of Parliament, or are Intended by the Schedule hereunto annexed, and with such further Power or Privileges (being such as We can Lawfully Grant) as shall be reasonably Advised and Desired by Council Learned in the Law, for or on the Behalf of the said Subscribers and Contributors, and shall be Approved by Our Attorney or Solicitor-General on Our Behalf.

Subscription-  
Money shall be  
called, The Ca-  
pital Stock.

And We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Declare, Limit, Direct and Appoint, That the whole Sum or Amount of all and every the Sum and Sums of Money that shall be Subscribed and Paid as aforesaid, shall after the said Grant of Incorporation, be and be called, accepted, esteemed, reputed and taken, *The Capital Stock of the said Incorporation*; and all and every Person and Persons, or Bodies Politick, his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns, according and in proportion to the Sum or Sums or Money by him, her or them respectively Subscribed and Paid thereunto, shall have and be deemed to have an Interest or Share in the said Capital Stock (not in the whole to exceed Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds as aforesaid. Which Interest or Share, or any part thereof, shall be Assignable and Transferable, and shall and may be Assigned and Transferred by any Person or Persons Entituled thereunto, to any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, except the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, who shall be willing to accept thereof, his or their Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns, and so over *toties quoties* as fully and effectually as any other Interest

How Stock shall  
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whatsoever is by Law Assignable: Which Assignment shall Vest the Interest in the Assignee and Assignees, his, her and their Executors, Administrators and Successors, according to the Purport and Effect thereof. And after such Assignments made, it shall not be in the Power of the Assigner or Assigners, their Executors or Administrators to Revoke or make Void any such Assignments, so such Assignments or Transferrances be made in Writing, and Entred or Registered in such manner as is herein after mentioned (that is to say) All Assignments or Transferrances which shall be made on or before the said first Day of August next ensuing, or the full and compleat Subscribing of the whole five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, which shall first happen, and before the Granting of Our Royal Charter of Incorporation before mentioned shall be Entred or Registered in the said Office of Auditor of the Receipt of Our Exchequer, within Six Days after the making of the said respective Assignments. And all Assignments or Transferrances which shall be made after the Granting of Our said Royal Charter of Incorporation, shall be Made, Entred and Registered in such Manner and Form as shall be thereby prescribed. And if for Default of Subscribing one Moiety of the said Sum of Five and twenty hundred and sixty four thousand Pounds, on or before the said first Day of August next, the Powers and Authorities in the said Act contained for Erecting a Corporation as aforesaid, shall Cease and Determine. Wherein all the Assignments and Transferrances to be thenceforth made, shall be Entred in the Office of the Remembrancer in the Exchequer, in such Method as the said Act in that Case directs.

Provided always, and Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, signifie, expresse, declare and grant, That you Our said Commissioners, or any of you, who are joyned in this Our Commission, shall be nevertheless Liable and Answerable unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors severally, (to wit) Every one of you for his own particular Receipts, Actings and Doings, and not for the Receipts, Actings, or Doings of one another, or of your Calheir or Calheirs, or in any Case where there is not perticular Fraud or Deceit.

Provided also, and Our Will and Pleasure is, That you Our said Commissioners, and every of you, before you respectively do intermeddle in the Execution of this Our Commission, be Sworn to the Faithful and Honest Discharge and Execution thereof.

And we do hereby Authorize and Impower the Keeper of Our Great Seal of England, or Our High Chancellor of England for the Time being, or the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the Time being, or such two or more of you our Commissioners, as shall first be Sworn before Our said Keeper, Chancellor or Chief Baron, to Administer unto you severally such Oath in the Words, or to the Effect following, (that is to say)

*I A. B. do Swear, That I will Faithfully and Honestly Discharge and Execute the Duty and Trust Reposed in me, as one of the Commissioners Appointed by His Majesty under the Great Seal of England, for taking Subscriptions, and doing other Matters and Things pursuant to the Act of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for Continuing to His Majesty certain Rates and Duties upon Salt, Glasse Wares, Stone and Earthen Wares, and for Granting several Duties upon Tobacco Pipes and Earthen Wares, for the Carrying on the War against France, and for Establishing a Notional Land-Bank, and for taking off the Duties upon Tunnage of Ships and upon Coals, to the best of my Skill, Understanding and Power, and without Fraud or Deceit: (So help me, God.)*

Provided also, and Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Declare, Ordain and Appoint, That in Case any of you, Our said Commissioners, shall happen to die before all the Matters and Things hereby Authorized and Intended to be done and Executed shall be fully Performed and Accomplished, That then this Our Commission, or any the Powers hereby Granted, shall not Determine or become Ineffectual, but shall and may be Executed and Performed by the rest of you Our Commissioners, so long as there shall be a sufficient number left to Execute the same.

And in Default thereof We do hereby Promise and Declare, That a New Commission and full Powers and Authorities shall be Granted under Our Great Seal of England, for the Accomplishment and Performance of all Matters



and Things hereby Directed or Intended to be Done for the Benefit or Security of the said Subscribers and Contributors, their Executors, Successors or Assigns.

*Any Commissioner may Subscribe.*

Provided also, and We do hereby Signifie and Declare, That it is Our Royal Intention and Purpose in these Presents, that any of you Our Commissioners may be Subscribers; and the rest of you Our Commissioners, or so many of you as aforesaid, may take such Subscriptions from any of you, and Receive the Money, and do all other Things thereupon, as are hereby directed to be done in the Case of any other Subscribers, any thing beforementioned to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Provided Nevertheless, that where any of you Our said Commissioners shall be Subscribers, such Subscriptions shall be made before, and be Attested in the Books by some other of you Our said Commissioners, who are to give Receipts for the same.

*When Inrolled.*

And Lastly, Our Pleasure is, That these Presents shall be Inrolled in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt, and Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Pells in Our *Exchequer*, and these Presents, or the Entry, Exemplification or Inrollment thereof, shall be to you, and every of you, and all others herein Concerned, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge for all, and whatsoever Matters and Things shall be Done, Executed or Performed in pursuance of the same, or of Our Pleasure therein declared. *In Witness*

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